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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Solem et al.) Group Art Unit 3738
Appl. No. : 09/775,677)
Filed : February 5, 2001)
Examiner : David J. Isabella)

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

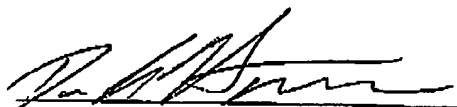
Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance to the extent that not all the claims include the limitations specified by the Examiner. For example, independent claims 22, 38 and 40 do not recite a stent section which provides a reduction in length when expanded in situ in the coronary sinus. Also, to the extent that there is any implication that the patentability of the claims rests on the recitation of a single feature, Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's Statement because it is the combination of features that makes the claims patentable.

Furthermore, as a courtesy, Applicant notes that the inventorship was amended on March 11, 2004 to delete Erwin Berger as an inventor. Applicant requests that proper care be taken to ensure that the correct list of inventors is provided on the issued patent.

Respectfully submitted,

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